

August 9, 1955

Dear Dr. Felix:

May I (somewhat belatedly) acknowledge your shipment of June 16.
to 1954

We have all the parcels referred ~~to~~ and your letter of July 13. I am sorry not to have replied sooner, but Dr. Bernstein was en route back to England (and is doubtless back on duty at Colindale). I do not have his note, but if Watson ~~8~~ 8384 was the only one in doubt, I am sure we now have the full set in good condition. We were awaiting your response to our notification.

We shall try our best to maintain the cultures properly and have kept in mind your comment on the stab storage medium, even to securing a lot of Lemco from abroad.

The stabs are being kept at room temperature. However, this ~~room~~ can rise as high as 38° C on occasion in the summer. If you think this would be deleterious, please advise. I am afraid we have no other temperature-controlled box other than 4° and 37°.

Thank you for your comment on the isolation of O forms. We may try to repeat the experiments sometimes, but the analysis of such complex population changes would be very difficult. Lately, we have had quite good success in inducing O-variants in *S. typhimurium* with ultra-violet light, and are using this procedure.

Dr. Wovan has heeded your request (thank you for forwarding it) but the history of the *E. coli* cultures I had asked about appears to be irrevocably lost. The point is possibly of more antiquarian than scientific interest.

Yours sincerely,


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